

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2010

RE: H.R. No. 10

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.R. No. 10 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE A DATABASE RESOURCE WEBSITE TO HOUSE REAL-TIME AVAILABILITY OF ALL JUVENILE SERVICES FROM THE LOWEST LEVEL OF CARE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CARE FOR THE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT OF JUVENILES IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to request the Department of Human Services (DHS) to create a database resource website to house real-time availability of all juvenile services for their placement.

A concerned individual submitted testimony in support of this resolution.

Your Committee wishes to state that the current practice for placing juveniles in programs is often difficult. These difficulties are due to limited program options, lack of knowledge of placement availability in real time, and determining the level of care most appropriate to the juvenile.

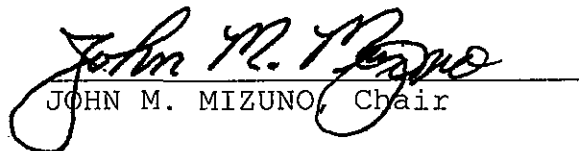
Your Committee also finds that inappropriate placement of the juvenile can lead to developmental hardship and decreased recovery and rehabilitation efforts. The best way to address this issue is to allow those involved to be able to find appropriate levels of care with up-to-date availability and placement. This can be done



through a real-time database website that will allow probation officers, judiciary, community agencies, social workers, families, etc. to access the most viable program for the juvenile's unique needs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 10 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



